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The World in Spatial Terms

Location

Where is it?

- **Absolute Location:** EXACTLY where it is using latitude/longitude or an address.

Example: 37N 63W or 123 Washington Ave.

- **Relative Location:** Where something is located according to something you already know.

Example: Near the Grocery Store or ½ hour from Salt Lake City.

Places & Regions

Place

What is it like? What makes it unique?

- **Physical Characteristics**
 - Natural Geography (i.e. mountains, rivers)
- **Human Characteristics**
 - Man-made Elements (i.e. Great Wall of China, buildings)

Region

What characteristics does it share with other places?

- **Natural Characteristics**
 - Climate, Landscape
- **Cultural Characteristics**
 - Language, Religion, Government

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Physical Systems

Natural Changes

How does nature change or shape the Earth's surface?

Example: hurricanes, volcanoes, and glaciers

Communities of Plants & Animals

How do they depend on one another and their surroundings for survival?

Human Systems

Movement

How do things move from place to place?

How have people shaped our world?

- **Movement of People**

Example: Population distribution, migration, transportation

- **Movement of Ideas**

Example: Technology, Spreading of Religion

- **Movement of Goods**

Example: Trading Systems

Environment & Society

How do the *Physical Systems* affect *Human Systems*?

How does the environment affect humans?

How do humans affect the environment?

Examples: Fertile soil for growing crops, weather

Examples: Planting trees, pollution from factories

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Uses of Geography

What are the relationships among people, places, and environments over time?

What can we learn from the past?

How can we prepare for the future?